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(b) how many of them are born in this province;

(c) whether these officers were posted to Madras without consulting the Local Government;

(d) what are the reasons for not preferring Madras men in the Indian Medical Service who are acquainted with the language and condition of the people in posting I.M.S. officers to civil duty in this province; and

(e) whether the Madras Government propose to urge the Government of India that as far as possible only Madras men in the Indian Medical Service should be posted to civil duty in Madras; and, if not, why not?

A.—(a) Sixteen.

(b) Seven, according to the information available with the Government.

(c) Yes, in the majority of cases.

(d) The Government are not aware of the reasons which influenced the Government of India in selecting the officers to be posted to this Presidency.

(e) According to the recent reorganization of the Indian Medical Service, no officer will be transferred to civil employment without the consent of the Local Government. The suggestion of the hon. Member will naturally be considered when the services of Indian Medical Service officers have to be obtained in future.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I ask whether the Minister in charge of the Medical portfolio at that time had insisted upon seeing that only people belonging to the province were sent, and if so, whether the Government of India refused to accept his suggestion?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"Mr. President, I do not know the full history of the thing. But I may say that this Government have been insisting on it for these six or seven years and we are now given the power."

Appointment of I.M.D. officers to civil duty in Madras.

*1420 Q.—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many I.M.D. officers are now serving in the Civil Medical Department in Madras and how many of them are permanently posted to it and how many of them are temporary;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have declared that they will not compel Provincial Governments to employ I.M.D. officers if they are unwilling to have them;

(c) whether the Government have ascertained that the Local Governments of the Punjab and the United Provinces have notified to the authorities in Simla their unwillingness to take any more I.M.D. officers;

(d) whether the Madras Government have made or propose to make a similar representation to the Government of India;

(e) whether it is a fact that many of the I.M.D. officers serving in the Civil Medical Department in Madras do not even possess qualifications registrable in England;

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(*f*) whether it is a fact that some of the highest appointments in the department are reserved for I.M.D. officers; and

(*g*) whether the Government propose to remove this reservation and take steps to see that no more I.M.D. officers are employed for civil duty?

A.—(*a*) There are twenty-two officers all of whom are in permanent civil employment.

(*b*) The Government have no information on the point. Under the reformed constitution, local Governments are not *required* to provide employment for officers of the I.M.D. as in the case of officers of the I.M.S.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The Government considered the question in 1923 and decided not to interfere with the arrangement under which they provided employment in the civil department for a certain number of officers of the I M.D.

(*e*) Ten officers possess British Medical qualifications which are registrable in England. The rest have the I.M.D. diploma.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) There is no reservation at present. The question of revising the existing arrangement is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know when the Government will come to a decision?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"We will correspond with the Government of India and the result depends a good deal upon what they do."

Alleged inadequacy of accommodation in the Madras Medical College.

* 1121 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received reports that Madras Medical College buildings are out of date and are not sufficient to meet the growing demands of the college;

(*b*) whether there is a proposal to construct a new building therefor; and

(*c*) if so, at what cost and how many students it is estimated to accommodate?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The present accommodation in the Madras Medical College has been reported to be inadequate. The Government have sanctioned the construction of a new Pathological Institute at an estimated cost of Rs. 11,68,000. The institute will provide accommodation for the Pathology, Bacteriology and Bio-chemistry departments; the buildings which are now used for these subjects will be utilized for the extension of the accommodation required for the teaching of organic and inorganic chemistry, for the new department of Pharmacology and for the laboratories of the Physics and the Biology departments. The remaining requirements consist in a new Hygiene